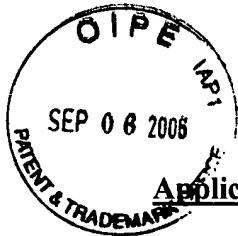


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For: **SERIAL VENTILATION DEVICE**

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Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Final Office Action of June 1, 2006 for the above-identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

A fee for additional claims is not required.
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Total Claims	11	- 20	= 0	x \$50.00	= \$0.00
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First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$360.00	= \$0.00
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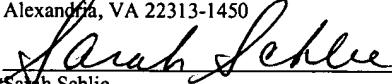
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 1, 2006

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action of June 1, 2006, on which the shortened statutory period for response expires on September 1, 2006. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.